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I wish thee, my beloved friend, to enrol my name among those who have enlisted under ~~under~~ the banner of the Prince of Peace, those who labor for the coming of that day, when 'the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.' I have not been deterred from taking this step before, for several months, by any lack of belief in the principles of the Non-resistance Society, but because I have been deeply impressed with a solemn sense of the responsibility of making before the world, and in the sight of God, so high and holy a profession, ~~and~~ so while I was not prepared, in my daily walk thro' life, in all cases, to suppress, in my own mind, the spirit of resistance. I cannot say that I am now thus prepared, neither, I trust, am I, in any less degree, sensible of the responsibility attending such a profession, yet, after mature deliberation, being, as I believe, thoroughly convinced that the doctrine of non-resistance is 'a' doctrine of the gospel, I think it will be right for me to join the society, trusting

on Divine assistance, seconding my own efforts, to live conformably thereto.

I received thy very kind letter some time ago, and feel that I ought, before now, to have expressed my thanks for the consolation it afforded me in view of my multiplied afflictions. Truly I do feel that 'whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth;' and never have I known him so near, as in the days of my deepest sorrow.

Thy kind invitation to be with you at the annual meeting, I would gladly have accepted, had health and other circumstances have permitted. Although we have left Mass., yet we retain our deep interest in the progress of all that is good and true in the old Bay State, and in nothing more than in the Mass. Anti Slavery Society, and the Liberator. May both be sustained till the last vestige of slavery, of every description, be utterly destroyed.

And now, my dear friend, my health being such that it is not best for me to leave home, and feeling very desirous to meet thee again, will thou not, in the course of this spring, come to Pawtucket, and make us a visit. We should love to have thee bring the children. There are other women here who would rejoice to see thee. And, by the way,

I do think it very important that some suitable woman should visit Female A. S. Societies in Mass. Judging from the state of things in our society in Fall River, I do believe that where no open division has taken place, there is much diversity of opinion among the women, on the subjects which so divide and distract in Boston. And this diversity does very much retard, and in some cases almost entirely prevent, the progress of the cause among them. Is there not some suitable person who could be induced to go by the necessities of the case? The Mass. women need talking to, and it can be best done by a woman.

Sister Lydia desires to be remembered to thee. My love to thy sisters and children. When thou canst spare a few minutes from the many important duties which occupy thy time, I shall be very glad to hear from thee, and if thou canst visit us some time this spring (or summer if thou canst not sooner) let me know when to expect thee.

Farewell. May the best help attend all thy efforts to do good. is the prayer of thine most affectionately

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